



Peoples' Friendship University of Russia named after
Patrice Lumumba
Law Institute

Department of Judicial Power, Civil Society and Law
Enforcement

INFORMATION LETTER

II Petr A. Kucherenko Students' Scientific
Articles International Contest





Peoples' Friendship University of Russia named after Patrice Lumumba invites students to take part in the **II Petr A. Kucherenko Students' Scientific Articles International Contest**

Co-organizers of the Contest:

Siberian Federal University (Russia)
Tver State University (Russia)
National University of Trujillo (Peru)

Contest partners:

Russian Federal Bar Association
Diana Gurtskaya charity foundation "Heart's call"
Diana Gurtskaya Center for Social Integration

Main Information and Key Dates

Students of Russian and foreign universities of all forms of study may participate in the Contest.

Applications are submitted by completing the online form:

<https://forms.yandex.ru/u/68ca65fe84227c05752c8446/>

Documents for participation (application form, contest paper (article), supervisor's review) are also uploaded via the above link.

Key Dates

Submission of applications and documents: **12 January 2026 — 31 March 2026**

Determination of finalists : **until 15 May 2026**

Determination of winners and award ceremony: **until 20 June 2026**

Requirements for Contest Papers

Contest papers shall be submitted in the form of scientific articles. Papers are submitted in Russian individually (co-authorship is not allowed). Certain elements of the article (author's full name, title, abstract, keywords) must be translated into English.

Participants from foreign educational universities, upon agreement with the Organizing Committee, may submit papers and required documentation in English.

Requirements for papers, evaluation procedure and determination of winners are established by the Regulations on the Petr A. Kucherenko Students' Scientific Articles International Contest and the Order on Holding the II Petr A. Kucherenko Students' Scientific Articles International Contest



Contest Topic

Topic of the **II International Student Research Paper Contest**:
“THE INSTITUTION OF THE BAR AND ITS ROLE IN THE MODERN RULE-OF-LAW STATE”

Priority Research Areas:

- significance of the bar as an institution of civil society and an element of the justice system;
- prospects for consolidation of the legal profession based on the bar (advocacy) in Russia;
- guarantees of lawyers' independence and prospects for improving protection of their rights;
- organization of the bar and specifics of legal practice in foreign countries.

Approximate topics are provided in Appendix No. 2 to this Information Letter.

Organizing Committee and Contact Information

Mikhail I. Katsarsky — Vice-Rector for Student Affairs, PhD in Law
Evgeny Yu. Komlev — Head of the Department of Judicial Power, Civil Society and Law Enforcement, PhD in Law
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Appendix No. 1 to the Information Letter

APPLICATION FORM FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CONTEST

Title of contest paper (article)	
Participant's full name	
Participant's citizenship)	
Place of study (full name of university, city)	
Level of education, field of study, year of study	
Place of permanent residence (region/state, city)	
Academic supervisor's full name	
Academic degree, academic title, position, full name of department and institution of academic supervisor	
Contact details (email, phone)	
Additional information (optional)	



Approximate Topics of Contest Papers

1. Public-law status of the bar and its significance as an institution of civil society.
2. Role of the bar in ensuring access to justice in Russia and foreign countries.
3. Lawyer (advocate) as a subject of evidence in judicial proceedings in Russia and foreign countries.
4. Balancing corporate independence of the bar and state control over legal practice.
5. Consolidation of the legal profession in Russia: prospects and role of the bar.
6. Advocates' monopoly: pros and cons.
7. Ethics and professional responsibility of lawyers (advocates) in Russia and foreign countries.
8. Professionalism in legal practice and issues of ensuring it.
9. Organization of the bar in federal states in the context of equality of lawyers.
10. Principles of functioning of the bar and legal practice in Russia and their significance.
11. Legal professional privilege and its protection in the context of the development of personal data legislation.
12. Forms of legal entities of the bar and prospects for their development in Russia and foreign countries.
13. Digitalization of legal practice.
14. Protection of professional rights of lawyers (advocates) in Russia and foreign countries: problems and solutions.
15. Liability for obstruction of lawful legal activity and interference with lawyers' work in Russia and foreign countries.
16. Insurance of professional property liability in legal and notarial activities.
17. International legal aspects of organization and practice of the legal profession.
18. Cross-border legal practice: legal assistance and mutual recognition of qualifications.

REGULATIONS

on the Petr A. Kucherenko Students' Scientific Articles International Contest

I. General Provisions

1.1. These Regulations are developed in order to promote students' research activity, involve students in science, and ensure continuity of academic schools of the Law Institute of Peoples' Friendship University of Russia named after Patrice Lumumba (hereinafter — RUDN) through participation in the International Student Research Paper Contest in Memory of Doctor of Law, Professor Petr A. Kucherenko (hereinafter — the Contest).

1.2. The main objectives of the Contest are preservation of RUDN's academic traditions, increasing students' interest in research activity, and development of creative and analytical skills.

1.3. Participants may be undergraduate (bachelors), specialist, and master's students of all forms of study from higher education institutions (universities) of the Russian Federation and foreign countries.

II. Procedure for Announcing the Contest

2.1. The decision to hold the Contest and its main conditions are approved by an order of the Rector or First Vice-Rector — Vice-Rector for Research upon initiative of the Law Institute of RUDN.

2.2. The Order shall specify:

- Contest timeline;
- additional criteria, requirements, rules for determining winners and reporting forms;
- composition of the Contest Commission, including Chair and Executive Secretary;

- composition of the Organizing Committee;
- Contest topic;
- sources, volume and conditions of financing and/or other forms of support;
- contacts for more information and submission of documents.

2.3. Contest topic is determined on the basis of research interests and practical activity of Professor Petr A. Kucherenko.

2.4. Draft Order shall be coordinated with the Vice-Rector for Student Affairs, Head of Research Department, and Chief Accountant.

III. Submission of Papers

3.1. Papers shall be submitted to the responsible person specified in the Order together with an application (Appendix 1), consent to personal data processing, and supervisor's review.

3.2. Papers shall be submitted as scientific articles in Russian, individually. Certain elements must be translated into English. Formatting sample is provided in Appendix 2.

3.3. Foreign students may submit papers and documentation in English with approval of Organizing Committee.

3.4. Requirements:

- at least 10 pages, not less than 12,000 characters with spaces;
- originality not less than 65%;
- Times New Roman, 14 pt, 1.5 spacing;
- margins: top/bottom 2 cm, right 1 cm, left 3 cm;
- first page in Russian and English: author, institution (university), title, abstract, keywords;
- references in square brackets, bibliography in alphabetical order.

IV. Evaluation Procedure

4.1. Contest papers shall be evaluated collegially by the Contest Commission, the composition of which is determined by the Order on holding the Contest. The Contest Commission shall consist of not fewer than seven and not more than fifteen members. The evaluation of papers shall be carried out on the basis of the criteria set forth in these Regulations. Each member of the Contest Commission shall assess the papers in accordance with the criteria established by these Regulations and shall complete a special evaluation form specified in Appendix No. 3 hereto.

A meeting of the Contest Commission shall be deemed quorate if at least half of the members of the Contest Commission from the composition approved in accordance with these Regulations are present. Members of the Contest Commission may participate in meetings by means of videoconferencing, as well as in absentia. In the case of in absentia participation, a member of the Contest Commission shall, in advance (no later than three business days prior to the meeting), submit to the Secretary of the Contest Commission the results of the evaluation of contest papers, which shall be taken into account when making the final decision. Decisions of the Contest Commission shall be adopted by a majority vote of the members of the Contest Commission present at the meeting in person or remotely, based on the results of the evaluation of contest papers and taking into account the activities specified in Clause 4.4 of these Regulations. Based on the results of the work of the Contest Commission, minutes shall be drawn up and signed by the Chairperson and the Secretary of the Contest Commission. The minutes shall be prepared by the Secretary of the Contest Commission within ten business days from the date of the meeting of the Commission

4.2. Main criteria:

- relevance and significance;
- depth of comparative analysis;
- originality and scientific novelty;
- clarity and logical consistency;
- diversity and validity of sources;
- legal orientation;
- compliance with topic and requirements.

4.3. Finalists receive commemorative diplomas at award ceremony. The composition of the finalists shall be determined by the Contest Commission following the preliminary assessment of the contest papers

4.4. To determine the winners and prize-winners of the Contest, additional events may be held, including presentations or other forms of presentation of finalists' papers. The format, timeline, and procedure for such events shall be determined by the Contest Commission jointly with the Organizing Committee. Finalists shall be notified by the Organizing Committee via the email address indicated in the application no later than 15 days prior to the event.

4.5. Winners and prize-winners of the Contest shall be the participants who have obtained the highest number of points based on the results of scoring. As a result of the evaluation of contest papers, at least one winner and at least two prize-winners shall be determined. In the event of a tie in scores, the Contest Commission may recognize several participants as winners and prize-winners, subject to the following limits: no more than three finalists may be recognized as winners (First Degree Diplomas), and no more than a total of seven finalists may be recognized as prize-winners (Second- and Third-Degree Diplomas).

Winners and prize-winners of the Contest shall be granted the opportunity to publish their papers in journals included in the Higher Attestation Commission list. Upon notification by the organizers, winners and prize-winners shall prepare

their contest papers (articles) in accordance with the requirements of the journal in which the paper will be published

4.6. Contest papers of winners and prize-winners submitted in accordance with Clause 3.3 of these Regulations in English shall be published in journals included in the VAK list in Russian. Translation of the contest papers into Russian shall be carried out by the Organizing Committee in coordination with the participant

V. Final Provisions

5.1. Law Institute of RUDN is responsible for organization and documentation.

5.2. Law Institute prepares final report on Contest results.

5.3. Amendments to these Regulations are approved by order of the First Vice-Rector — Vice-Rector for Research.

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Level of education, field of study, year of study	
Place of permanent residence (region/state, city)	
Academic supervisor's full name	
Academic degree, academic title, position, full name of department and institution of academic supervisor	
Contact details (email, phone)	
Additional information (optional)	

Sample Format of a Contest Paper (Article)

Ivanov Ivan I.

Peoples' Friendship University of Russia named after Patrice Lumumba
(Russian Federation, Moscow),
student of the Law Institute, 3rd year Bachelor's degree program
"Jurisprudence"

Distinctive Features of Electoral Legal Relations: a Comparative Legal Study

Abstract. 50–100 words on the relevance and subject of the research; brief conclusions of the article; proposals (if any).

Keywords: 5–7 words characterizing the content of the article.

Electoral legal relations possess a number of distinctive characteristics, which is reflected in legislation and law enforcement practice.

An analysis of foreign experience in the field under consideration indicates a variety of mechanisms for taking such features into account [1].

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List of References:

1. Komlev E.Yu. Certain Aspects of the Organization and Conduct of Municipal Elections in Argentina // Electoral Legislation and Practice. 2024. No. 1. Pp. 24–26. DOI: 10.18572/2500-0306-2024-1-24-26

Contest paper evaluation sheet by members of the contest committee

Participant's full name:

Research topic:

Evaluation criteria	Evaluation on a 10-point scale
1. Relevance and significance of the research topic	
2. Depth of comparative analysis of the researched material	
3. Originality, quality of research work, scientific novelty	
4. Consistency, clarity of presentation of material, absence of internal contradictions	
5. Diversity of sources (legislation, law enforcement practice, doctrinal sources, etc.), justification for their use	
6. Legal focus of the research	
7. Compliance of the submitted work with the theme of the Contest and the requirements of the Contest documentation	
Evaluation (maximum possible score 70)	

Scores are awarded based on the following criteria:

10-9 points – criterion fully met;

8-7 points – criterion generally met, but there are aspects that are not disclosed or are not fully disclosed

6-5 points – the participant has disclosed only some elements of the criterion but the main content has not been disclosed

4-3 points – the participant has attempted to disclose individual elements of the criterion, but no result has been achieved

0 points – the participant has not disclosed any elements of the criterion and has not attempted to disclose them.